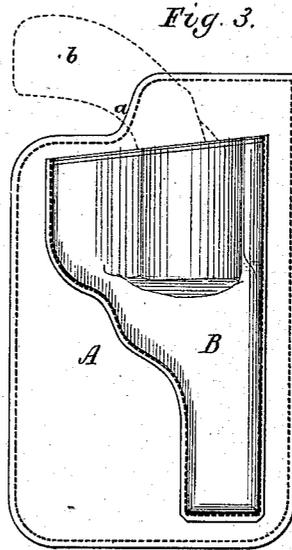
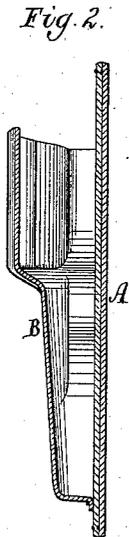
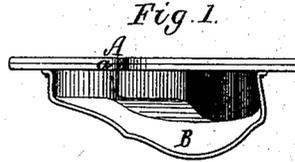


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## HOLSTER FOR PISTOLS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ORINTON MOSES HANSCOM, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have  
5 invented a new and useful Improvement in  
Holsters for Pistols; and I do hereby declare  
the same to be described in the following  
specification and represented in the accompa-  
nying drawings, of which—

10 Figure 1 is a top view, Fig. 2 a longitudinal  
section, and Fig. 3 a front elevation, of a  
holster of my invention, the nature of which  
is defined in the claims hereinafter presented.

This holster is designed for a pistol or re-  
15 volver to be carried in the pocket of the coat  
or trousers of an individual; and the improve-  
ment is to preserve the holster steadily in  
place in the pocket, or to have such holster fit  
so closely to the pocket as to prevent the hol-  
20 ster from swaying or moving laterally there-  
in, one object being to keep the barrel of the  
pistol as nearly in one or a vertical direction  
as possible, in order that should the pistol be  
accidentally discharged when in the holster  
25 and the latter is in the pocket of the trousers  
or coat of a person the danger of wounding  
him or another or others near him may be  
lessened in comparison to what it would be  
were the holster tapering from its top to its  
30 bottom.

My said improvement consists in a holster  
whose back plate is substantially rectangular  
or has its two longer edges parallel, or about  
35 so, the lower corners of such plate being round  
instead of right angular, the said back plate  
being provided with a recess or notch across  
which the pistol-handle is to extend when the  
pistol is in the socket of the holster. This notch  
is to enable a person to more readily grasp the  
40 pistol when in the holster than he could were  
the plate without such notch. The notch also  
serves to prevent in a measure, if not entirely,  
the holster from accidentally falling or being  
surreptitiously extracted from the pocket, as  
45 in an attempt to draw the pistol from the hol-  
ster such pistol would generally be pulled in  
a way to cause the upper part of the pocket to  
be caught in the notch.

50 In the drawings the holster is shown as con-  
structed of a back plate, A, and a front piece,

B, the latter being molded to the proper shape  
for receiving the pistol between it and the back  
plate, and allowing the handle or stock of such  
pistol to protrude above the mouth or upper  
end of the said piece B in manner as repre- 55  
sented by the dotted lines. The front piece  
is connected to the back at or near the edges  
of the former by sewing. The notch in the  
upper part or corner of the back plate is shown  
at *a*, and the pistol stock or handle extending 60  
across such notch is represented in dotted lines  
at *b*.

I do not claim a pocket-holster constructed  
of a single rectangular-shaped piece of sheet  
material folded at its middle and sewed to- 65  
gether at its ends and from edge to edge, so as  
to form in it at such middle a pistol pocket or  
receptacle, and extended therefrom on one  
side thereof only a stiff lateral web or flange,  
as I do not so construct my pocket-pistol hol- 70  
ster, it being made in two separate pieces ar-  
ranged and connected by sewing, as herein-  
before explained.

I claim—

1. The pocket-holster as constructed of the 75  
concavo-convex front piece or pistol-recepta-  
cle B, and of the stiff back A, and having the  
said receptacle attached at its side and bottom  
edges to the said back, and the latter extend-  
ed laterally from such receptacle in manner 80  
and for the purpose substantially as set forth.

2. The holster having its back piece formed  
with its opposite longer edges parallel, or es-  
sentially so, and in its upper part with a re- 85  
cess or notch, as described, arranged in it so  
as to be crossed by the handle or stock of a  
pistol when such pistol is within the holster,  
all being substantially as set forth.

3. The holster having its back piece formed  
with its two opposite longer edges parallel, 90  
or essentially so, and with its lower corners  
rounded, and with a recess or notch arranged  
in it so as to be crossed by the stock or handle  
of a pistol when such pistol is within the holster,  
all being substantially as represented.

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